

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (original) The method of securing a fitment to a package including the steps of:

providing package wall material including first and second edges of said material;

providing a fitment with relatively thin walls from a source;

engaging said fitment with a heated mandrel thereby warming said fitment;

inserting said fitment between said first and second edges of said material;

closing the outer sealing jaws onto the first and second edges of said material with said fitment engaged on a heated mandrel; and

sealing said fitment to a portion of said first and second edges.

8. (original) The method of securing a fitment of claim 7 wherein said heated mandrel heats said fitment to a temperature between substantially 20–30°F below a softening point of the material of said fitments.